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DEFENSE FOR ISA/NESA/ISA/SA. AND DSAA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EG, UK. US, MASS
SUBJECT: PROPOSED EGYPTIAN SALE OF AMMUNITION OF
A US BUYER

1. POL-MIL ATTACHE WAS VISITED BY TWO ENGLISH BUSINESSMEN ON APRIL 27 SEEKING "CONFIRMATION" THAT US ARMY INTENDS TO PROCURE (THROUGH FFE INTERNATIONAL OF 8811 COLESVILLE ROAD, SUITE 5, SILVER SPRINQS, MD.) OVER $6 MILLION WORTH OF SOVIET AMMO (MANUFACTURED UNDER LICENSE BY ENGINEERING INDUSSTRIES, FACTORY 27, P.O. SHOUBRA BRANCH, CAIRO).

2. THE AMMO IN QUESTION WAS IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
12.7 MM PIERCING, 1 MILLION CARTS;
14.5 MM PIERCING, 1 MILLION CARTS;
1/2 INCH, 3-1/2 MILLION CARTS; AND
7.62 X 39 MM BLANK, 5 MILLION CARTS.
ALL OF THIS "ORDER" IS SUPPOSED TO BE DELIVERED BY SHOUBRA CO. (TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS "MILFACT", CAIRO, TELEX NO. 2167 LOTFI UN CAIRO) DURING 1977.
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3. ACCORDING TO THE ENGLISH BUSINESSMEN, D.A.S. LITTLE, MANAGING DIRECTOR, AND W.L. NELSON, SALES DIRECTOR, OF WALLOP PYROTECHNISTS, MIDDLE WALLOP, STOCKBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE, THEY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS PROPOSED US BUY SINCE THE US BUYER (WHOM THEY NAMED AS JOHN J. FROST, "A RETIRED COLONEL WHO KNOWS HIS WAY AROUND THE

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PENTAGON") WAS INTRODUCED TO THE EGYPTIAN SELLER (A HASSAN ABDEL HAMID) BY THEM AND, IF THE SALE IS CONSUMMATED, WALLOO PYROTECHNISTS WOULD RECEIVE A FEE.

4. LITTLE AND NELSON LEFT WITH POL-MIL ATTACHE A COPY OF A CONTRACT MARKED "TOP SECRET" TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF A LETTER FROM ENG. M.A. ELFATTAH, DEPUTY MINISTER, MINISTRY OF WAR PRODUCTION, CAIRO, ADDRESSED TO JOHN J. FROST, DATED JANUARY 26, 1977, TEXT AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE DEAR MR. FROST, RE YOUR LETTER DATED 19 JANUARY 1977. I WAS ASTONISHED WHEN YOU STATED THAT "YOU HAVE BEEN OBLIGED TO DELAY IN THE PLACEMENT OF PRODUCTION ORDER." THIS ASTONISHMENT IS BECAUSE YOU HAVE ALREADY SIGNED THE CONTRACT AND THUS IT IS NOT A MATTER OF PLACING ORDERS BUT A MATTER OF OPENING LETTERS OF CREDIT AND EXECUTING THIS CONTRACT.

HOPING THAT YOU SHALL OPEN THE LETTERS OF CREDIT SOON, I REMAIN, SINCERELY YOURS; ENG. M.A. ELFATTAH, DEPUTY MINISTER END QUOTE.

5. WE TOLD LITTLE AND NELSON ISSUE APPEARED TO BE ONE BETWEEN FROST AS BUYER AND SHOUBRA AS SELLER AND HENCE ADVISED THEM TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH FROST. WE POINTED OUT THAT EMBASSY LONDON COULD NOT ENGAGE ITSELF ON WHAT APPEARED, AT PRESENT, TO BE A NON-GOVERNMENTAL MATTER. MOREOVER, WE SAID EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF WAR PRODUCTION IS QUITE CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH US AUTHORITIES DIRECTLY.

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6. IN ANY EVENT, LITTLE AND /NELSON ASKED THAT WE "REPORT" THE DETAILS GIVEN US AND TO INQUIRE, ON THEIR BEHALF, WHETHER THE PROPOSED PURCHASE BY FROST IS "LEGITIMATE" AND IF SO WHETHER IT IS LIKELY TO BE CONSUMMATED. LITTLE AND NELSON SAID THEY KNOW ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF AMMO IS FOR USE BY US ARMY IN TRAINING EXERCISES EMPLOYING "THE OTHER SIDE'S WEAPONS."

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE VIS-A-VIS LITTLE/NELSON REQUEST.

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